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What Is the Ontario-Québec Class Twinning Program?

The Ontario-Québec Class Twinning Program gives young people the opportunity to learn about each other in a tangible and personal way, through meaningful exchanges of information and ideas.

The Ontario-Québec Class Twinning Program is a practical vehicle of communication, which has both immediate and long-term benefits for individuals and society. Its aim is to encourage young people to understand linguistic and cultural diversity and to develop tolerance. Classes participating in the program will communicate mainly by correspondence.

Why Have an Ontario-Québec Class Twinning Program?

Communication is the key to understanding, and understanding leads to harmony and to the realization that not only can people get along in spite of many differences, but that they can actually learn from each other's experiences and grow through exposure to different ways of living and thinking.

The Ontario-Québec Class Twinning Program fosters respect for cultural differences and encourages young people to profit from an exchange of ideas. In this way it helps them to broaden their horizons and offers them opportunities to see the world from a fresh perspective.

Participation in the Ontario-Québec Class Twinning Program has immediate benefits for students in that it makes both history and geography programs more interesting and relevant. Through an exchange of correspondence, class projects, and student visits, and the use of shortwave radio and videotapes, students are given opportunities not only to learn in an enjoyable and exciting way about another community and the people who live there, but also to establish friendships in different regions and to actually experience another culture and lifestyle.

How Can Young People Communicate?

Classes can share ideas and experiences by exchanging projects such as the following:

- project books containing photographs, sketches, brochures, and pamphlets which provide information on the students' region or community, including historical sites, cultural influences, industries, natural resources, arts, and crafts;
- 8-mm films or videotapes of school or class activities, community activities, and cultural events which reflect the lifestyle of the community;
- tape recordings (cassette or reel) of classroom activities, dramatic presentations, poetry readings, music, and cultural events;
- a collection of rocks and minerals, grains, soil samples, and drill cores;
- a collection of regional flora and fauna.

For more direct and personal contact, students can:

- arrange to have a conversation with the twin class by enlisting the help of a local amateur radio operator;
- organize exchange visits, which can lead to satisfying personal friendships.

How Can Students Participate in the Ontario-Québec Class Twinning Program?

Teachers in elementary and secondary schools, both publicly supported and private, can enrol their classes by completing and mailing the attached pre-addressed application form.

Once two classes have been twinned, the teacher from Ontario should be the first to establish contact. Projects should be exchanged regularly and promptly, as delays or long periods without contact can lead to loss of interest and disappointment and can destroy established or prospective friendships.

Teachers requesting to be retwinned because of lack of response from their twin classes are required to file a second application, which will be treated as a new application. This procedure allows extra time for a late response to arrive from the original twin class.

Important Information

- All application forms, both from Ontario and from Québec, should be sent to:

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- Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis and should be filed early.
- A compatible application must be filed before a class can be twinned.

Name of School (Please print)	(Province)
Address (Number and street)	Telephone Number ()
(City)	
(Postal code)	
Name of Teacher	
Grade	Age of Students
Number of Girls	Number of Boys
Special Requests	
Anglophone Class <input type="checkbox"/>	Francophone Class <input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Please specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	

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Application Form
(Each class wishing to participate
must complete a separate application form.)